

**RHODE ISLAND****Providence County**

Blackstone Park Historic District, Roughly bounded by Seekonk R., Laurell Ave., Blackstone Blvd., and S. Angell St., Providence, 08000575

Tower—Flagg Barn Complex, 100 Abbott Run Valley Rd., Cumberland, 08000574

**WISCONSIN****Milwaukee County**

Public Service Building, 231 W. Michigan St., Milwaukee, 98000576

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Bureau of Justice Assistance**

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**Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 1998 Open Solicitation Announcement: Call for Papers**

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice.

**ACTION:** Request for concept papers.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 1998 Open Solicitation. BJA is seeking innovative solutions to criminal justice problems facing local communities. BJA invites eligible State, local, and tribal governments and their agencies to submit brief concept papers describing emerging or chronic criminal justice issues within their jurisdictions and partnership-based strategies to address those issues.

**DATES:** Submissions must be received by BJA by close of business (5:30 p.m. E.S.T.) July 2, 1998. BJA will not grant extensions of the deadline or accept faxed submissions.

**ADDRESSES:** Submissions must be mailed or delivered to: Bureau of Justice Assistance Control Desk, 5640 Nicholson Lane, Suite 300, Rockville, MD, 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770. Copies of the FY 1998 Open Solicitation Announcement may be obtained by calling the BJA Clearinghouse at 1-800-688-4252, or by accessing the BJA World Wide Web home page at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Authority**

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets

Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3751-59 (1994).

**Background**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is soliciting concept papers in order to continue to encourage, support and publicize local innovations and to build safe and healthy communities. Applicants may submit only one concept paper in each topic area. Applicants may apply for as many topic areas as they wish, but must submit a different concept for each topic. Concept papers must address the topic areas listed below.

FY 1998 Open Solicitation Topic Areas are as follows: (1) Community Justice: strategies to create partnerships between communities and local criminal justice systems to combat crime; (2) Law Enforcement Partnerships to Address Hate Crimes: strategies that address crimes committed against individuals or groups because of race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, gender, disability, or sexual orientation; (3) Criminal Justice Challenges for Rural or Tribal Communities: strategies that address criminal justice challenges unique to rural or tribal communities; (4) Criminal Justice Responses to Senior Citizens: strategies that address issues presented by senior citizens' participation in the criminal justice system as victims, witnesses, defendants, offenders, and volunteers; (5) The Role of Alcohol and Crime: strategies that address the link between alcohol and crime; (6) Indigent Defense: strategies that enhance the representation of indigent criminal defendants; (7) Cultural Barriers to Justice: strategies to reduce cultural barriers preventing individuals from participating fully in the criminal justice system by virtue of language, philosophy, or experience; (8) Nontraditional Uses of Prosecution Resources to Enhance Public Safety: strategies which use prosecutors or prosecution resources to enhance public safety through nontraditional outreach in areas such as schools, community groups, and special needs populations; (9) Public Health and Criminal Justice Collaborations: strategies to develop collaborative efforts among public health and criminal justice agencies to prevent or reduce the incidence of violent crime in the community; and (10) Local Priorities: criminal justice strategies to address local problem areas not described in topic areas (1) through (9).

Submissions will be reviewed by panels of practitioners, who will make recommendations for awards to the Director of BJA. Awards will be worth

up to \$150,000 and cover a period of 18 months. All submissions must adhere to the requirements outlined in the FY 1998 Open Solicitation Announcement.

**Eligibility**

Eligibility for the FY 1998 Open Solicitation Program to units and agencies of State, local, or tribal governments. Units of tribal governments must represent federally recognized tribes. Eligibility includes, but is not limited to: States, counties, municipalities, villages, towns, townships, courts, prosecution, indigent defense, probation, parole, pretrial services, corrections, law enforcement, and social services. This restriction does not preclude private/not-for-profit agencies from collaborating with eligible applicants, not does it preclude two or more units of government from applying under the cover of one authorized applicant, which will be responsible for the administration of the award.

Dated: April 29, 1998.

**Nancy E. Gist,**

*Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****National Institute of Justice**

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**Announcement of the Availability of the National Institute of Justice Solicitation for Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women**

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice "Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Practitioner-Researcher Collaboration; Evaluation of Policies and Programs including Experimental Research Designs; Longitudinal Studies of Women's Experience with Violence; and Basic Research."

**DATES:** Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business, July 7, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application